



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004
Committee Statement
LB 1164

Hearing Date: February 9, 2004

Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Introducer(s): (Redfield)

Title: Change an insurance provision relating to preferred providers

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Tyson, Foley, Johnson, Mines, Redfield
1	No	Senator Jensen
2	Present, not voting	Senators Quandahl, Loudon
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Pam Redfield

Sheryl Dodds

Teresa Dilts

Joe Stavas

Robin Linafelter

Representing:

Introducer

NE Heart Hospital LLC

NE Assn. of Independent Ambulatory Centers

NE Radiological Society and Advanced Medical
Imaging

Lincoln Surgical Hospital

Opponents:

Kelly Nieman

Brad Sher

Shannon Anderson

Roger Keetle

Galen Ullstrom

Tom Jenkins

Representing:

Midlands Choice

BryanLGH Health System

Alegent Health

NE Hospital Association

Mutual of Omaha

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NE

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1164 (Redfield) would amend section 44-4110 of the preferred provider organization statutes to provide that no organization of preferred providers may refuse to allow a provider to participate in the organization for the reason that the provider does not have an ownership

interest in the organization or is not affiliated with a person or entity having an ownership interest in the organization or for the reason that such provider competes with other providers in the organization.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendments would strike that portion of the new language which would provide that no organization of preferred providers may refuse to allow a provider to participate in the organization “for the reason that such provider competes with other providers in the organization.”

Senator Mark Quandahl, Chairperson